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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC USUN LONDON PARIS FROM BEIRUT

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REF USUN 1368 AND 1370

1. LEBANESE FOREIGN OFFICE (HADDAD) INFORMED EMBOFF AT 1745 LOCAL APRIL 16 THAT GOL HAS CHANGED SIGNALS ON DRAFTING OF RES FOR PRESENTATION TO SC. MORNING OF APRIL 16 GHORRA WAS SENT INST-RUCTIONS TO MAKE CONTACT SOONEST WITH AMBASSADOR SCALI IN EFFORT TO WORK OUT DRAFT RES AGREEABLE TO BOTH SIDES AND TO TRY AND DEVELOP SUCH DRAFT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER HEAD OFF ANY HARD- LINE DRAFT RES WHICH MIGHT BE CIRCULATED BY " OTHER SIDE" UNLESS LEBANESE AND AMERICANS MOVE QUICKLY.

2. EMBOFF SAID WE INFORMED THAT GHORRA HAD ALREADY PRESENTED SOME SORT OF DRAFT RES TO UK AND FRANCE AND ALTHOUGH WE HAD NOT
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SEEN TEXT (WHITE LIE DESIGNED PROTECT UKUN SOURCE) WE HEARD IT NOT RPT NOT BALANCED. HADDAD SAID THAT HE TOLD BY FONOFFICE SEC GEN SADDQA THAT THIS DRAFT RES PRESENTED BY GHORRA WAS PURELY HIS PERSONAL INITIATIVE AND HAD NO STATUS. EMBOFF THEN OBSERVED THAT THIS SUDDEN SWITCH OF SIGNALS FROM WORKING WITH FRANCE AND UK TO WORKING WITH US WAS AT VARIANCE WITH WHAT WE HAD BEEN TOLD AT FIRST AND ALSO AT VARIANCE WITH WHAT WE HAD TOLD FONOFFICE OF USG POSITION, I. E. WE WOULD WAIT FOR SOMETHING BE PRESENTED TO US AND NOT WORK TO DEVELOP TEXT.

3. HADDAD SAID THAT HE INFORMED BY HIS SUPERIORS THAT GHORRA FIRMLY INSTRUCTED WORK WITH USUN TO DEVELOP ACCEPTABLE RES SOONEST AND THAT EMBASSY BEIRUT ASKED USE DEPT AND USUN TO MOVE AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE IN WORKING WITH GHORRA. WE PROMISED T INFORM DEPT AND USUN IMMEDIATELY. BUFFUM UNQUOTE ROGERS

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